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Accessibility Checklist for Primary and General Election Polling Place Certification (as authorized in ARM 44.3.102 and 44.3.105(4))

Precinct/Ward/District _____

Polling Place Name/Address									
Polling Place City/Town Name									
As you complete the survey keep in mind that people with disabilities arriving at the polling place should be able to approach the building and enter as freely as everyone else. At least one route of travel should be safe and accessible for everyone, including those with disabilities.									
Questions					Possible Solutions				
	Yes	No	NA	> >	If no, consider making these changes:				
A. PARKING									
1) Does the polling place have:									
a) parking spaces available?					Create or designate some type of parking area in order to provide accessible parking.				
b) distinctly-marked accessible parking spaces?					Construct required number of accessible parking spaces. (See table, page 2).				
Note: All polling places are required to have of accessible parking spaces for the election constructed for this purpose <i>should</i> be permatemporary for voting day only.	Any sp	aces							
2) Are the accessible parking spaces the closest parking spaces to the accessible entrance?					Relocate spaces so they are closest spaces to the accessible entrance.				
3) Is this area stable, firm and slip- resistant, with no changes in level greater than ½ inch?					Replace gravel with hard surface. Repair uneven paving. Fill small bumps and breaks				
4) Is there at least 98 inches (8 feet, two inches) of vertical clearance above each accessible parking		tical rance			Reconfigure/relocate parking spaces in order to achieve the required clearance.				
space, access aisle, and vehicular route?					Remove objects protruding into the required clearance area.				

Questions						Possible Solutions
	Yes	No	NA	>	>	If no, consider making these changes:
5) Is the required number of accessible, 8-foot-wide parking spaces provided? (See table at right.)	acces	per of ssible ces				Reconfigure to provide correct number of accessible spaces in the proper dimensions. Total number Required number of of spaces accessible spaces
	exis	th of sting ssible ces				1 to 25 1 space 26 to 50 2 spaces 51 to 75 3 spaces 76 to 100 4 spaces
6) Is at least one van accessible parking space provided? (One required for every 6 accessible spaces.)		Der of aces				Reconfigure to provide correct number of van accessible spaces.
7) Does each accessible space include an access aisle that is:						
a) 5-feet wide for standard accessible spaces?						Reconfigure to provide correct number of access aisles of the proper dimensions.
b) 5-feet wide for van-accessible spaces that are 11-feet in width, or 8-feet wide for van accessible spaces of 8-feet in width? (16-feet total for van accessible spaces.)						Clearly mark the access aisle(s).
Note: Each accessible parking space must have access aisle, but accessible spaces may shar aisles.		ss				
8) Do all accessible parking spaces and access aisles have a slope of 1:48 or less? (See note at right.)						Relocate accessible parking space(s). Note: Slope is the ratio of height to length. 1:48 means the ramp height increases 1 inch for every 48 inches of ramp length.
9) Do all access aisles connect to an accessible route that goes to an accessible entrance?						Add curb ramps/cuts. Reconstruct sidewalk. Choose alternative accessible route.
10) Are all accessible parking spaces clearly marked by a sign with the accessibility symbol attached?						Add proper signs, placed so that they are not obstructed by cars, vegetation, or other objects.
11) For each van accessible parking space, is there a "Van Accessible" sign mounted on the same post below the accessibility symbol?						Add "Van Accessible" signs placed so they are not obstructed by cars or other objects.
Note: Signs must be attached to a pole or but front of each parking space. Painting the account the surface of the parking space doesn't mare requirement.	essibilit	y symb				

Questions						Possible Solutions
	Yes	No	NA	>	>	If no, consider making these changes:
12) Are all accessible and van accessible parking signs mounted a minimum of 5 feet above the ground?						Mount signs at the correct height.
B. PASSENGER DROP-OFF AREAS						* Please mark any questions that are not applicable to this polling place "NA."
1) Is the vehicle space at least 8-feet wide and 20-feet long? (See figure below.)						Find a suitable drop-off area with room for an access aisle.
2) Is the slope of the vehicle space no more than 1:48?						Find a location that's relatively level and on an accessible route.
Access aisle for passenger drop-off		feet to be n			1	5 feet
area						4
3) Is an access aisle provided that is at least 5-feet wide and the same length as the vehicle space? (See above figure.)						Find a suitable drop-off area with room for an access aisle.
4) Is the access aisle the same level as the vehicle space?						Install curb ramps/cuts. Find a more suitable drop-off area with an accessible route to the building entrance.
5) Is this area stable, firm and slip- resistant, with no changes in level greater than ½ inch?						Repair uneven paving. Fill small bumps and breaks. Replace gravel with hard-topped surface.
6) Is there at least 9½ feet of vertical clearance above the vehicle space of the drop-off area, as well as above the vehicle route from the parking facility or lot entrance to the exit?		tical rance				Find a more suitable drop-off area with sufficient overhead clearance.
C. SIDEWALKS AND WALKWAYS						
1) Is there a route of travel from the accessible parking space/drop- off area to the accessible entrance without any stairs?						Add a ramp. Find an alternative route on level ground.

Questions					Possible Solutions
	Yes	No	NA	> >	If no, consider making these changes:
2) Is this route stable, firm and slip-resistant, with no changes in level greater than ½ inch?					Repair uneven paving. Fill small bumps and breaks. Replace gravel with hard-topped surface.
3) Is this route at least 36 inches wide?	wic	dth			Change/move landscaping, furnishings, or other objects that narrow the path of travel.
					Widen route.
4) Are slopes on the route no steeper than 1:20?	L		u	L	Add a ramp.
5) Do curbs on the accessible route					Install curb cut.
have ramps/cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs?					Add a curb ramp connecting with the curb.
6) Are curb ramps/cuts on the					Widen curb ramps/cuts.
route at least 36 inches wide, excluding flared edges?	wic	dth			
7) Is the slope of the curb ramps/cuts no more that 1:12?					Lengthen curb ramp/cut to decrease slope.
ramporous no more that 1.12.					Relocate the curb ramp/cut.
8) Is the route free of any objects that protrude more than 4 inches? If no:	dista	ance			Note: It is not necessary to remove objects that protrude less than four inches from the wall, no matter their height above the ground or floor.
a) Is the object within 27 inches					Move or remove protruding objects.
of the floor or ground so that it is <i>low enough</i> to be detectable by a person using a cane? (See figure below.)	inches flo				Place a cane-detectable object on the ground underneath as a warning barrier.
b) Is the object at least 80 inches					Move object out of the accessible
above the floor or ground so that it is <i>high enough</i> to walk beneath it? (See figure below.)	inches flo				route. Place a cane-detectable object on the ground underneath as a warning barrier.
Note: Door closers and doorstops are allowed be 78 inches above the floor.	ed to			4 max	
80 inches of clear and headroom are red	-	X ≥ 80			Objects within 27 inches of the floor are cane-detectable

Questions					Possible Solutions
	Yes	No	NA	> >	If no, consider making these changes:
9) Is the route free of gratings or other openings in the surface larger than ½ inch?					Find/create an alternative accessible route.
Note: Elongated openings must be placed perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel. (See figure at right.)					dominant direction of travel
Gratings a	and other	open	nings	long dimen dominant d	sion perpendicular to lirection of travel
					<u>½ max</u>
D. BUILDING ENTRANCE The building layout should allow people wi access the voting area without assistance.		ies to			
1) If there are stairs at the main					Install ramp (portable or
entrance, is there also a ramp?					temporary). Find/create alternative accessible entrance.
If yes, complete APPENDIX I—RAMPS	•				Attach APPENDIX I—RAMPS.
2) If the main entrance is not accessible and it's not feasible to					Create alternative accessible entrance.
make it accessible, is there an alternate accessible entrance?					Move voting to an accessible location.
Note: If it's not possible to make the main accessible, create a <i>dignified</i> alternate ent use a service entrance unless there is no of Make sure accessible parking is as close a	trance. Do	n.			
3) Can the alternate accessible entrance be used without assistance?					Eliminate wherever possible the need for assistance (to answer a doorbell, to operate a lift, or to put down a temporary ramp).
4) Do inaccessible entrances have signs directing voters to the nearest accessible entrance?					Install signs before inaccessible entrance so people don't have to retrace their path.
5) Is there adequate maneuvering clearance for a wheelchair on each					Create a larger landing.
side of the doorway? See APPENDIX					Remove or relocate obstructions. Reposition door with hinge on
IV—MANEUVERING CLEARANCE.					opposite side or reverse door swing.
Note: A person using a wheelchair or crute needs this clear floor space to move out of					Add power-assisted door opener. Prop door open/have someone
of the door when opening it.					readily available to open door on election day.

Questions						Possible Solutions
	Yes	No	NA	>	>	If no, consider making these changes:
6) With the entrance door fully open is there an opening of at least 32-inches wide or at least one 32-	door o]			Widen the door opening to 32 inches.
inch opening for a double door?	wic	atn 2 min]		Ш	If latch projects 5/8 inch, widen to at least 31-3/8 inches.
(See figure.)	. 1	1				Install offset (swing-clear) hinges.
Minimum door opening	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$					
7) Is the clear floor space between			$\ \ \Box$			Reposition or replace doors.
two doors in a series at least 48 inches, plus the width of any door	inch	nes			Ш	Prop one door open on election day.
swinging into the space? (See figure at right.)						48 mln
ngure at right.)		Cle	ar floc	or sp	oace	
8) Is the door handle mounted			П			Reposition door handles.
between 34 and 48 inches above	heig	ht of			_	reposition door nandles.
the ground/floor?	han	dle	_			
9) Is the handle operable with a closed fist?						Replace with a lever or loop handle.
Note: The "closed fiet" test the energing					Ч	Retrofit with an add-on lever
Note: The "closed fist" test—try opening the door or operating the control using only						extension.
one hand held in a fist. If you can do it and the opening force required isn't too great,						Install power-assisted/automatic openers.
so can a person who has limited use of his or her hands.						oponors.
10) Can <i>interior</i> doors be opened						Adjust door closers; oil hinges.
using a <i>maximum</i> force of 5 footpounds? (There is no specific	forc interio					Install lighter doors, power-
requirement for <i>exterior</i> doors, but	forc]			assisted doors, or automatic door openers.
rather a suggested maximum of 8 foot-pounds.)	exterio				_	Prop door open or have someone
Note: You can use an inexpensive force m	eter or a f	ish sca	le to			readily available to open it for people needing assistance on
measure the force required to open a door to the doorknob or handle. Pull on the ring opens. Read the amount of force required attach a string to the fishhook, tie it to the cand take the measurement.)	Attach the end untile (You ma	ne hook the doo ly need	c end or I to			election day.
If you don't have a force meter or a fish sca whether the door is easy to open.	ale, judge	subject	ively			
11) If the door has a closer, does it take at least 5 seconds to close			$_{_{1}}$ \square $ $			Adjust door closer.
from a 90-degree open position to	tin	ne			_	Prop door open/have someone readily available to open it for
within 3 inches of the door latch? (Not a precise measurement.)						people needing assistance on election day.

Questions						Possible Solutions
	Yes	No	NA	>	>	If no, consider making these changes:
12) Is the height of <i>unbeveled</i> door thresholds 1/2 inch or less? (See figure at right.)						Add bevels to both sides so that slope of each bevel is no greater than 1:2.
Note: Height greater than ½ inch must be ramped.						Create temporary ramp with proper slope.
13) Is the slope of beveled door thresholds 1 inch or less for every 2 inches of length (1:2)?						Change bevels to proper slope. Create temporary ramp with proper slope.
Note: Thresholds ¾ inch high that have a slope of 1:2 are acceptable.	Des		lana.		1/4-1/	2
	Pro	oper s	юре			
E. HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS AND VOTING AREA						* Please mark any questions that are not applicable to this polling place "NA."
1) Does the building entrance provide direct access to the voting area?						Make another entrance accessible.
2) If not, is there an accessible route of travel from the entrance to the voting area without any stairs, steps or curbs?						Provide an alternate accessible route. Make another entrance accessible
3) If there is carpeting or mats along this route, is it:a) low pile?b) tightly woven?c) securely attached along the edges?		000	0000			Replace carpeting. Place plywood over carpet. Secure edges on all sides.
d) no thicker than 1/2 inch?						Replace or remove mats.
4) Is this route stable, firm and slip-resistant, with no changes in level greater than ½ inch?						Repair uneven paving. Fill small bumps and breaks. Put plywood down over route.
5) Is the route free of gratings or other openings in the surface larger than ½ inch?						Find/create an alternative accessible route.
Note: Elongated openings must be placed perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel. (See Gratings and other openings figure on page 5.)						

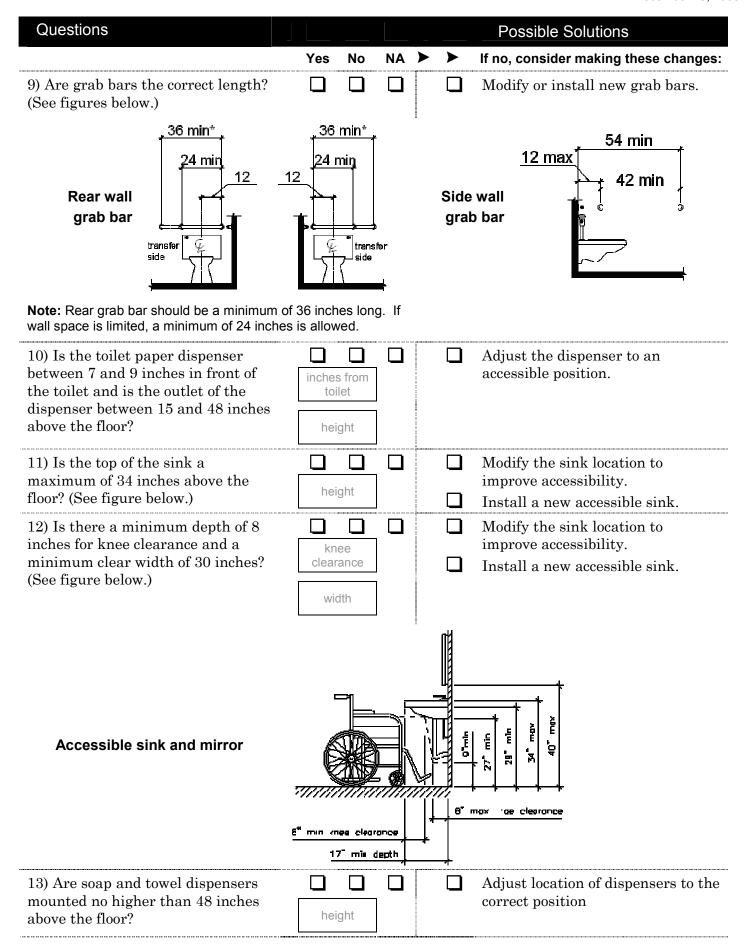
					Possible Solutions
Yes	No	NA	>	>	If no, consider making these changes:
wid	th				Move any objects that restrict width in order to provide a 36-inchwide route. Provide an alternate 36-inch-wide route.
inches floor	from or				Note: It is not necessary to remove objects that protrude less than four inches from the wall, no matter their height above the ground or floor. Move or remove protruding objects. Place a cane-detectable object on the ground underneath as a warning barrier. Move object out of the accessible route. Place a cane-detectable object on the ground underneath as a warning barrier.
heig	ght				Move obstacles to provide clear headroom.
wid	☐ th				Rearrange furnishings, displays, equipment. Find an alternate accessible route.
wid	☐ lth				Widen the door opening to 32 inches. If latch projects 5/8 inch, widen to at least 31-3/8 inches. Install offset (swing-clear) hinges.
clears	space				Create a larger landing. Remove or relocate obstructions. Reposition door with hinge on opposite side or reverse door swing. Add power-assisted/automatic door opener. Prop door open/have someone readily available to open door on election day.
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Questions					Possible Solutions
	Yes No	NA	>	>	If no, consider making these changes:
13) If there are two doors in series, is the clear floor space between them at least 48 inches, plus the width of any door swinging into the	clear space				Reposition/replace doors. Prop one door open on election day.
space? (See figure at right.)					
14) Is the door handle mounted between 34 and 48 inches above					Reposition door handles.
the ground/floor?	height				
15) Is the door handle operable with a closed fist?					Replace with a lever or loop handle.
with a closed list:				Ч	Retrofit with an add-on lever
					extension. Install power-assisted/automatic
					openers.
					Prop door open or have someone readily available to open door on election day.
16) Can doors be opened with a <i>maximum</i> of 5 foot-pounds of force?					Adjust door closers; oil hinges.
maximum of 5 foot pourtus of force.	force				Install lighter doors, power- assisted doors, or automatic door openers.
					Prop door open or have someone readily available to open door on election day.
17) If the door has a closer, does it take at least 3 seconds to close					Adjust door closers.
from a 70-degree open position to within 3 inches of the door latch?	time				Prop door open or have someone readily available to open door on election day.
18) Is the height of unbeveled door thresholds 1/2 inch or less?	height				Add bevels to both sides so that slope of each bevel is no greater than 1:2.
					Use temporary ramps of proper slope.
19) Is the slope of beveled door thresholds 1 inch or less for every 2 inches of length (1:2)?	slope				Change bevels to proper slope. Put down temporary ramps of proper slope.

Questions					Possible Solutions
<u> </u>	Yes	No	NA >	>	If no, consider making these changes:
F. INDOOR SIGNS All signs designating permanent rooms, spaces, and exits relevant to getting to the voting area must comply with the following:					AREA OF REFUGE
1) Are all such signs mounted between 48 and 60 inches above the floor?	hei	ght			Relocate signs.
2) Are all such signs mounted on a wall next to the latch side of door or as close as possible to it?					Relocate signs.
3) Do all such signs have high- contrast characters raised 1/32 inch above background with a height between 5/8 and 2 inches?	chara hei				Provide high contrast, raised characters of proper height.
4) Do all such signs also have Braille text?					Provide Braille text.
5) Are pictograms a minimum height of 6 inches and accompanied by Braille and raised characters?	picto hei	_			Provide raised characters and Braille. Provide pictograms of correct
G. MOVING BETWEEN FLOORS (to get to the voting area) Note: Post signs directing people along an accessible route to ramps, lifts, or elevators.					* Please mark any questions that are not applicable to this polling place "NA ."
1) Is there an indoor route of travel to the voting area without stairs?					Relocate to a voting area on an accessible route. Find an alternate accessible route. Add a ramp or lift.
2) Does the accessible indoor route have a ramp? <i>If yes</i> , complete APPENDIX I—RAMPS .					Attach APPENDIX I—RAMPS.
3) Does the accessible route have an elevator? <i>If yes</i> , complete APPENDIX II—ELEVATORS .					Attach APPENDIX II—ELEVATORS.
4) Are there lifts? <i>If yes</i> , complete APPENDIX III—LIFTS .					Attach APPENDIX III—LIFTS.

Election Day Checklist	Notes
H. VOTING AREA	
On Election Day, the following requirements must be met in order to ensure the voting area at the polling place is accessible.	
1) Make adequate space available in the voting area to access check-in tables, voting demonstration areas (if provided), and voting stations for people in wheelchairs or on scooters.	
2) Provide an accessible voting station that allows a voter to sit at a table:	
• of at least 30 inches wide by 19 inches deep.	
 with clear knee space of at least 27 inches. 	
 with the top between 28 and 34 inches above the floor. 	
3) Provide the same degree of privacy provided to those who sit to vote as is provided to those who don't sit.	D
4) Provide typed instructions in 18 point or larger type for voters with visual impairments. It is suggested that a magnifying glass or low-cost magnifying page be made available as well.	
5) Provide at least one over-sized and easily graspable pen and pencil.	
6) Make sure the area is free of any objects that protrude more than 4 inches from the walls (See figure on page 4 for details.)	
7) Post voting instructions on the wall between 48 and 60 inches above the floor. Indicate that large-type instructions and other aids are available.	
I agree to abide by these requirements on Election Day	ay(initials)

Questions						Possible Solutions
	Yes	No	NA	>	>	If no, consider making these changes:
I. RESTROOMS						
1) Are restrooms available?			•			Explain:
2) Are restrooms available to the public? <i>If yes,</i> answer questions 3 through 13.						Explain:
3) Is the restroom easily located and on an accessible path of travel?						Install signs identifying an accessible path. Provide a temporary accessible restroom for voting day.
4) With the restroom entrance door open 90 degrees, is there an opening at least 32 inches wide?]			Widen the door opening to 32 inches.
(See Minimum door opening figure	Wi	dth			ш	If latch projects 5/8 inch, widen to at least 31-3/8 inches.
on page 6.)						Install offset (swing-clear) hinges.
5) If the restroom toilets are in stalls, is there a door opening at			1			Widen the door opening to 32 inches.
least 32 inches wide? (See Minimum door opening figure on page 6.)	Wİ	dth				If latch projects 5/8 inch, widen to at least 31-3/8 inches.
6) Is there sufficient clear floor space (excluding door swing) to access the toilet for people using	clear	space				Install offset (swing-clear) hinges. Modify the area to provide access.
wheelchairs? (See figures at right.) Minimum clear floor space for toile	ts		56 min) min	uim 60 min
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7) Is the height of the toilet seat between 17 and 19 inches above the floor? (See figure below.)	he	ight				Modify the seat height. Install a new toilet or toilet seat.
17-19	Seat he	eight				
8) Are grab bars installed 1-1/2 inches from wall and between 33 and 36 inches above the floor?	he	ight				Install or modify grab bars.



This **Voting Accessibility Checklist** is a review of whether a citizen with a disability can access the voting process in their precinct by having a way to (1) enter the polling site, and (2) get to the voting location once inside the building.

This checklist is not intended to imply, in any manner, official compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). It is designed to determine accessibility to the voting process statewide for people with disabilities.

Completing this checklist does not in any way abrogate the responsibility or liability of owners of buildings that serve as a voting location from compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or state law.

Name of Polling Place:	
Precinct/Ward/District:	
County:	
Signature of County Election Official:	
Title:	
Date:	
Signature of Surveyor:	
Disability Organization:	
Date:	

After completing this checklist, please send a copy to:

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